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Miss Ford of the Wadleigh High School, New York, have kindly consented to become contributors.

## The New York Latin Club for the Year 1902-1903

Members of the Latin Club and others interested will note with pleasure that Professor M H Morgan of Harvard University has promised to address the first meeting of the Club this year on *November 22*. Keep this date open. Professor A F West of Princeton University has promised to address the Club sometime during the year, if he returns from Europe in time. Dr W T Vlymen, Principal of the Eastern District High School, has also promised to address the Club sometime this year. It will thus be seen that the committee are making every effort to provide for the Club the best obtainable.

At the last meeting of the Club held May 17, 1902, the following new members were added to the roll: Miss Celia Ford, Wadleigh High School, N Y; Mr Conrad Wollman, Loyola School, N Y; Miss H E Giese and Professor F A Gallup of Packer Collegiate Institute, Brooklyn; Professor Charles G Herbermann of the City College, N Y. Members of the Club become *ipso facto* LEAFLET PATRONS. Dr C H J Douglass of the DeWitt Clinton High School has also become one of our LEAFLET PATRONS.

## Tardy Acknowledgments

Owing to the early appearance of the final number of Vol II of THE LEAFLET, it has been impossible to acknowledge until now the reception of the second payment of twenty-five dollars from City Superintendent Wm H Maxwell. It is also a matter of special regret that the generous subscription of one hundred dollars made by Principal Moore of the Commercial High School, Brooklyn, could not be sooner acknowledged. A check for twenty-five dollars from J G Jenkins Jr is also thankfully acknowledged.

Mr Foster of the Morris High School and

## An Open Letter Bearing on Sight-Reading

[The following letter was submitted to THE LEAFLET for publication, and it seemed best to present it in its present form.—Eds.]

New York, Nov 11, 1899

Superintendent A B C ———;

My dear sir:

When I last saw you, you were good enough to honor me with a request to make out a scheme for a possible four year course in Latin for a high school. I have purposely delayed sending this that I might first hear what Professor Morris had to say to-day, before the Schoolmasters' Association, on what the college might reasonably expect in Latin from the secondary school. While his paper did not aim to outline an ideal Latin course, the conclusions reached as to what might be fairly expected from the secondary school would naturally have a direct bearing on a course of study for secondary schools. I thought that everything he said was especially pregnant with good sense, but there were two points, of special interest to me, which he emphasized: First, The value of sight-reading is over-estimated. Second, Uniformity in courses of study or in college entrance-requirements is undesirable, because subversive of individuality in the teacher as well as in the institution prepared for.

I am not quite prepared to say that I agree with him thoroughly in either of these points, but I am open to conviction. I am prepared to admit that the results of sight-reading may have been, so far as the acquisition of Latin-power is concerned, entirely incommensurate with the efforts and time given to it, and, therefore, unsatisfactory. But the fault may lie in the fact that the Latin prescribed for sight-reading has been entirely too difficult. Gradation has been lost sight of. The difficulty, if not impossibility, of finding *natural Latin* for the successive steps will always be an obstacle. But much easier Latin can be furnished than has been furnished heretofore,